

# Farmers Helping Farmers

*“Helping farmers that come to me with questions about FSA has been the biggest motivation to serve on the committee,” - Okanogan County Committee Member Victor Castro.*

## Farm Service Agency county committees create link between farm community and USDA

Annual elections for the USDA Farm Service Agency county committees are underway. County committees provide a direct link between farmers and ranchers and the Farm Service Agency. Committee members represent their agricultural communities and offer local knowledge for the implementation of federal farm programs. Agricultural producers are encouraged to nominate committee members and vote in the elections. Nominations end August 1, 2012. Voting takes place between November 5—December 3, 2012.

For more information and nomination forms, see the FSA [election website](#).

Read the stories of current and former committee members in Washington state who represent diverse agricultural communities and help their fellow farmers and ranchers.

Asotin County Committee

Ferry County Committee  
— Luanne Finley

Franklin County Committee  
— Terri Hayles

North Puget Sound  
(Snohomish, Clallam, Jefferson and north King) Committee — John Gunning

Okanogan County Committee — Victor Castro

South Puget Sound (Pierce, south King, Mason, Kitsap, Thurston) Committee — Joy Garitone



*Asotin County Committee members tend to business.*